



# CCE Christmas

CCE Christmas Schedule:

December 9 is the LAST day for ALL classes. Students are encouraged to wear UGLY Christmas sweaters or Pajamas. Bring a treat or drink to share!

There will be an Advent Spiral Walk, Santa Snacks, and Reindeer Games.

Evening students will have an opportunity to go caroling — WATCH the weather and dress appropriately (jackets/coats).

We invite the **ENTIRE PARISH** to join us for the fun and surprises.

Afternoon: 4:00—5:30 p.m.

Evening: 7:00—8:30 p.m.

CCE Classes resume on January 6, 2016



These students helped with the decorations for the Wayne Watson Concert. They had a great time.



**Women of Worship will have their Christmas Party on Tuesday Dec. 8th at 6:30 pm** (please note time change) in the SAC. Each member is asked to bring their favorite party snacks to share. A \$15 gift for the party to exchange with members and 3 rolls of nickels for the games. Please check your e-mail for more detailed information.

**Please bring 2 Baskets of Fruit and goodies for the Elderly** that will be delivered on Wednesday morning.



**The Christmas Basket giving is open to all the Ladies of the Parish who wish to participate with the donating of Baskets for the Elderly.** Baskets can be dropped off Tuesday evening at the St. Anthony Center or Wednesday morning **by 9:00 am**. Thank you for your generosity.

**WOW would like to thank Paul Vrazel** for taking the food collected at the Harvest Dinner and the food donation at the entrance of the church to the St. Thomas Food Pantry. Thank you to all who donated food to the needy. The box for food donations is at the entrance of the church. The Food Pantry is continually in need of donations, especially through the Christmas Holidays. Be generous to the needy.

#### **Food for the Poor: This weekend St. Anthony's welcomes Fr. Gary Norman.**

*Food for The Poor represents the Gospel o St. Matthew: "As often as you did it to one of the least of My brothers and sisters, you did it to Me." Matt. 25:40*

Food for The Poor was founded on the basis of this Gospel. We seek out the poorest of the poor in 16 different countries, aiding some of the most destitute. In each face we see the living Christ, who is hungry, thirsty, a stranger and naked. Our ministry focuses on the greatest needs of the destitute. Just as our Lord served those society ignored, we are there; feeding the hungry, building water wells for thirsty villages, building houses for the homeless, aiding the impoverished elderly, raising orphans in a loving atmosphere of Christian discipline, healing the sick or overcoming illiteracy by supporting schools.

Thank you again for supporting our ministry. May God bless you and your parish with Christ's love, peace and joy.

Mary, woman of listening, open our ears; grant us to know how to listen to the word of your Son Jesus among the thousands of words of this world; grant that we may listen to the reality in which we live, to every person we encounter, especially those who are poor, in need, in hardship. –Pope Francis



The **Immaculate Conception**, according to the teaching of the Catholic Church, was the **conception** of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne, free from original sin by virtue of the foreseen merits of her son Jesus Christ.

The [Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception](#), the patronal feast of the [United States](#), is a Holy Day of Obligation. Because this feast honoring Mary, the Mother of God, celebrates one of the most important events in salvation history, it is never abrogated, even when December 8 falls on a Saturday or a Monday.

However, if December 8 falls on a Sunday (as in, for instance, 2013), the celebration of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, December 9, because Sundays in [Advent](#) take precedence over any other feast.